



## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH POLICY/PROCEDURE

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### PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) policy in compliance with all Federal, State, and local public mental health policies, as well as Federal, State and local judicial (legal) decisions affecting mental health consumers within the Los Angeles County jurisdiction.

### POLICY

- 2.1 DMH has special policies and procedures for the following: maintenance, security, confidentiality, integrity, and access to client and others of/to client records; client restraint and seclusion; consent for treatment; involuntary admission to treatment facilities; mandates to report child and elder abuse; and the Tarasoff Decision.
  - 2.1.1 Ongoing training is provided on these issues.
- 2.2 The Patient's Rights Bureau reports directly to the DMH Director on all matters pertaining to involuntary detention and other statutory defined areas of patients' rights.

### AUTHORITY

Department of Mental Health Policies  
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities Requirements